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Further to developments re Atlantic Institute: USRO has learned that at June 30 - July 1 meeting of Policy Committee Atlantic Institute in London. Lodge, who was present, conditioned his acceptance of Director Generalship on 5-year budget being in sight. Policy Committee did not feel they could guarantee this, although they had heard Ford Foundation had acted favorably on their request for funds (no details as to amount or conditions or official confirmation had been received.) Lodge now in process of making up his mind. In xxx view Secretary's interest in Lodge's acceptance, Secretary may wish to know decision expected between July 15 and July 20.

Re Lodge's views on role of Atlantic Institute, according to recent information he sees this as (1) generating through research and discussion ideas on Atlantic problems useful to policy-makers and (2) propagating ideas promoting faith and unity among Atlantic countries. Latter no doubt is basis for impression Lodge interested in "propaganda", and reason for apprehension in U.K. and some other governments as to propriety of giving financial support to Atlantic Institute. Dept may wish to explore this concept on appropriate occasion with Mr. Lodge.

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